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WESTERN AUSTRALIA.REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1950.

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POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 30th September, 1950, was estimated to be 565,518, comprising 290,514 Males and 275,004 Females.

On the 30th June, 1950, the population of the Metropolitan Area was estimated at 301,000.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

| | | <u>NOVEMBER</u> | | <u>11 Months ended NOVEMBER</u> | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------|---------------------------------|--------|
| | | 1950 | 1949 | 1950 | 1949 |
| Marriages | Number | 465 | 438 | 4,960 | 4,450 |
| | * Rate per 1000 of Popln. | 9.94 | 9.82 | 9.72 | 9.13 |
| Births | Number | 1,244 | 1,187 | 13,019 | 12,435 |
| | * Rate per 1000 of Popln. | 26.59 | 26.62 | 25.51 | 25.50 |
| Deaths | Number | 438 | 396 | 4,654 | 4,414 |
| | * Rate per 1000 of Popln. | 9.36 | 8.88 | 9.12 | 9.05 |
| Infant Mortality | Number | 37 | 36 | 353 | 326 |
| | Rate per 1000 Live Births | 29.74 | 30.33 | 27.11 | 26.22 |
| <u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u> | | | | | |
| Tuberculosis | | 10 | 7 | 123 | 122 |
| Cancer | | 61 | 56 | 623 | 605 |
| Influenza | | 5 | 1 | 30 | 12 |
| Diphtheria | | - | - | 7 | 4 |
| Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc. | | 42 | 33 | 485 | 400 |
| Arteriosclerosis | | 11 | 6 | 130 | 131 |
| Diseases of the Heart | | 119 | 141 | 1,384 | 1,387 |
| Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia | | 22 | 27 | 176 | 250 |
| Diarrhoea and Enteritis | | 3 | 1 | 45 | 32 |
| Nephritis | | 12 | 19 | 108 | 169 |
| Diseases of Early Infancy | | 21 | 22 | 213 | 194 |
| Senility | | 2 | 2 | 38 | 65 |
| Accidents | | 39 | 23 | 376 | 298 |
| All Other Causes | | 91 | 58 | 916 | 744 |
| <u>Total</u> | | 438 | 396 | 4,654 | 4,414 |

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

† Deaths under one year.

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS, 1950

This report gives details of the population and vital statistics of Western Australia for the year 1950. The population of Western Australia on 30th June 1950 was 565,518, comprising 280,514 males and 275,004 females.

| Item | 1950 | 1949 | 1948 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|
| Total population | 565,518 | 550,000 | 535,000 |
| Male population | 280,514 | 270,000 | 260,000 |
| Female population | 275,004 | 260,000 | 255,000 |
| Population per 1000 live births | 27.74 | 26.33 | 27.11 |
| Birth rate per 1000 live births | 27.74 | 26.33 | 27.11 |
| Death rate per 1000 live births | 1.44 | 1.38 | 1.35 |
| Infant mortality rate per 1000 live births | 25.52 | 24.75 | 24.50 |
| Stillbirth rate per 1000 live births | 4.38 | 4.25 | 4.10 |
| Abortion rate per 1000 live births | 0.36 | 0.35 | 0.34 |
| Population aged 15 years and over | 438,000 | 425,000 | 410,000 |
| Population aged 15 years and over per 1000 live births | 20.33 | 19.50 | 19.10 |

The population of Western Australia on 30th June 1950 was 565,518, comprising 280,514 males and 275,004 females. The population of Western Australia on 30th June 1949 was 550,000, comprising 270,000 males and 260,000 females. The population of Western Australia on 30th June 1948 was 535,000, comprising 260,000 males and 255,000 females.

| Item | 1950 | 1949 | 1948 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|
| Total population | 565,518 | 550,000 | 535,000 |
| Male population | 280,514 | 270,000 | 260,000 |
| Female population | 275,004 | 260,000 | 255,000 |
| Population per 1000 live births | 27.74 | 26.33 | 27.11 |
| Birth rate per 1000 live births | 27.74 | 26.33 | 27.11 |
| Death rate per 1000 live births | 1.44 | 1.38 | 1.35 |
| Infant mortality rate per 1000 live births | 25.52 | 24.75 | 24.50 |
| Stillbirth rate per 1000 live births | 4.38 | 4.25 | 4.10 |
| Abortion rate per 1000 live births | 0.36 | 0.35 | 0.34 |
| Population aged 15 years and over | 438,000 | 425,000 | 410,000 |
| Population aged 15 years and over per 1000 live births | 20.33 | 19.50 | 19.10 |
| Population aged 0-14 years | 127,518 | 125,000 | 125,000 |
| Population aged 0-14 years per 1000 live births | 22.41 | 22.40 | 23.00 |
| Population aged 15-64 years | 310,514 | 305,000 | 295,000 |
| Population aged 15-64 years per 1000 live births | 56.14 | 55.20 | 54.50 |
| Population aged 65 years and over | 124,500 | 120,000 | 115,000 |
| Population aged 65 years and over per 1000 live births | 22.14 | 21.63 | 21.40 |

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the twelve months ended December, totalled 1,147,668 acres, an increase of 404,124 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 3,856,864 acres, an increase of 628,856 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

| | Month of December | | 6 Months ended December | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| | 1950 | 1949 | 1950 | 1949 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Revenue | 2,536,635 | 2,086,304 | 12,595,049 | 11,194,256 |
| Revenue per Head of Popln. | £4. 8. 9d. | £3.16. 8d. | £22. 5. 5d. | £20. 15. 7d. |
| Expenditure | 2,402,404 | 2,167,020 | 13,106,142 | 11,670,634 |
| Expenditure per Head of Popln. | £4. 4. 0d. | £3.19. 8d. | £23. 3. 6d. | £21. 13. 3d. |

SAVINGS BANKS.

Depositors' Balances on the 31st December amounted to £39,809,535 or £69. 9. 6d. per head of population as against £38,291,076 or £70. 5. 8d. per head as at the 31st December last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearance for the 4½ weeks ended 31st December, 1950, amounted to £11,460,787 compared with £8,391,720 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

| Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles & Deeds | | DECEMBER | | 6 Months ended DECEMBER | |
|---|-----|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|
| | | 1950 | 1949 | 1950 | 1949 |
| Transfers | No. | 1,848 | 1,711 | 12,361 | 10,489 |
| | £ | 2,655,165 | 1,502,484 | 13,283,755 | 8,016,427 |
| Mortgages | No. | 1,432 | 1,076 | 8,967 | 6,354 |
| | £ | 2,051,114 | 1,181,234 | 11,348,135 | 7,193,048 |
| Discharges of Mortgages | No. | 905 | 803 | 5,770 | 5,143 |

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

| Period | Taxable Goods | | Sales of Exempt Goods | Tax Collected |
|----------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------|---------------|
| | Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Gross) | Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross) | | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Six Months ended December, 1949. | 10,689,047 | 6,531,725 | 23,845,122 | 1,180,246 |
| Six Months ended December, 1950. | 13,635,122 | 9,836,038 | 25,265,392 | 1,351,369 |
| Month of December, 1949. | 2,188,590 | 1,246,829 | 4,247,697 | 219,159 |
| Month of December, 1950. | 1,729,449 | 1,588,925 | 4,091,248 | 217,192 |

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | 81 | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 100 |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | 81 | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 100 |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | 81 | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 100 |
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COMPANIES REGISTERED.

65 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £2,937,000 and 28 Foreign Companies were registered during the six months ended December, 1950. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 58 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £2,754,000 and 38 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

| | Six Months ended DECEMBER | | | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|--------|------|-------------|--------|
| | 1950 | | | 1949 | | |
| | No. | Liabilities | Assets | No. | Liabilities | Assets |
| | | £ | £ | | £ | £ |
| Sequestration Orders | 15 | 32,729 | 9,145 | 17 | 26,634 | 45,392 |
| Deeds of Assignment(a) | 11 | 27,274 | 28,892 | 13 | 39,390 | 18,517 |
| Deeds of Arrangement | - | - | - | - | - | - |

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for general and passenger traffic, were as follows :-

| | | OCTOBER | | 4 Months ended OCTOBER | |
|-----------------------------|-----|------------|------------|------------------------|-------------|
| | | 1950 | 1949 | 1950 | 1949 |
| Gross Earnings (a) | £ | 580,250 | 559,600 | 2,268,000 | 1,946,300 |
| Working Expenses (a) | £ | 647,209 | 555,125 | 2,643,213 | 2,328,653 |
| Train Miles Run | No. | 610,000 | 577,101 | 2,430,611 | 2,067,707 |
| Motor Bus Miles Run | No. | (b)136,527 | 92,642 | (c) 517,270 | 347,545 |
| Passenger Journeys - | | | | | |
| Train | No. | 944,552 | 1,029,705 | 3,745,302 | 3,742,679 |
| Motor Bus | No. | 43,849 | 37,914 | 167,541 | 145,521 |
| Tonnage Carried - | | | | | |
| Paying Goods | | 228,205 | 219,984 | 960,075 | 840,259 |
| Livestock | | 18,884 | 18,975 | 53,165 | 50,067 |
| Departmental (Free Freight) | | 62,599 | 49,797 | 259,958 | 170,944 |
| Total | | 309,688 | 288,756 | 1,273,198 | 1,061,270 |
| Net Ton Mileage of - | | | | | |
| Paying Goods | | 36,226,224 | 35,219,942 | 151,177,625 | 128,639,293 |
| Livestock | | 2,303,059 | 2,315,357 | 7,150,369 | 7,261,747 |
| Departmental (Free Freight) | | 8,101,851 | 8,279,933 | 32,739,928 | 26,416,130 |
| Total | | 46,631,134 | 45,815,232 | 191,067,922 | 162,317,170 |

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Period covered - 4 weeks ended 21st October.

(c) Period covered - 2nd July to 21st October.

| Section 1 | | | | Section 2 | | | |
|-----------|---------|------|----------|-----------|----------|------|----------|
| Item | Value | Unit | Quantity | Item | Value | Unit | Quantity |
| 1.000 | 100.00 | kg | 100 | 2.000 | 200.00 | kg | 200 |
| 3.000 | 300.00 | kg | 300 | 4.000 | 400.00 | kg | 400 |
| 5.000 | 500.00 | kg | 500 | 6.000 | 600.00 | kg | 600 |
| 7.000 | 700.00 | kg | 700 | 8.000 | 800.00 | kg | 800 |
| 9.000 | 900.00 | kg | 900 | 10.000 | 1000.00 | kg | 1000 |
| 11.000 | 1100.00 | kg | 1100 | 12.000 | 1200.00 | kg | 1200 |
| 13.000 | 1300.00 | kg | 1300 | 14.000 | 1400.00 | kg | 1400 |
| 15.000 | 1500.00 | kg | 1500 | 16.000 | 1600.00 | kg | 1600 |
| 17.000 | 1700.00 | kg | 1700 | 18.000 | 1800.00 | kg | 1800 |
| 19.000 | 1900.00 | kg | 1900 | 20.000 | 2000.00 | kg | 2000 |
| 21.000 | 2100.00 | kg | 2100 | 22.000 | 2200.00 | kg | 2200 |
| 23.000 | 2300.00 | kg | 2300 | 24.000 | 2400.00 | kg | 2400 |
| 25.000 | 2500.00 | kg | 2500 | 26.000 | 2600.00 | kg | 2600 |
| 27.000 | 2700.00 | kg | 2700 | 28.000 | 2800.00 | kg | 2800 |
| 29.000 | 2900.00 | kg | 2900 | 30.000 | 3000.00 | kg | 3000 |
| 31.000 | 3100.00 | kg | 3100 | 32.000 | 3200.00 | kg | 3200 |
| 33.000 | 3300.00 | kg | 3300 | 34.000 | 3400.00 | kg | 3400 |
| 35.000 | 3500.00 | kg | 3500 | 36.000 | 3600.00 | kg | 3600 |
| 37.000 | 3700.00 | kg | 3700 | 38.000 | 3800.00 | kg | 3800 |
| 39.000 | 3900.00 | kg | 3900 | 40.000 | 4000.00 | kg | 4000 |
| 41.000 | 4100.00 | kg | 4100 | 42.000 | 4200.00 | kg | 4200 |
| 43.000 | 4300.00 | kg | 4300 | 44.000 | 4400.00 | kg | 4400 |
| 45.000 | 4500.00 | kg | 4500 | 46.000 | 4600.00 | kg | 4600 |
| 47.000 | 4700.00 | kg | 4700 | 48.000 | 4800.00 | kg | 4800 |
| 49.000 | 4900.00 | kg | 4900 | 50.000 | 5000.00 | kg | 5000 |
| 51.000 | 5100.00 | kg | 5100 | 52.000 | 5200.00 | kg | 5200 |
| 53.000 | 5300.00 | kg | 5300 | 54.000 | 5400.00 | kg | 5400 |
| 55.000 | 5500.00 | kg | 5500 | 56.000 | 5600.00 | kg | 5600 |
| 57.000 | 5700.00 | kg | 5700 | 58.000 | 5800.00 | kg | 5800 |
| 59.000 | 5900.00 | kg | 5900 | 60.000 | 6000.00 | kg | 6000 |
| 61.000 | 6100.00 | kg | 6100 | 62.000 | 6200.00 | kg | 6200 |
| 63.000 | 6300.00 | kg | 6300 | 64.000 | 6400.00 | kg | 6400 |
| 65.000 | 6500.00 | kg | 6500 | 66.000 | 6600.00 | kg | 6600 |
| 67.000 | 6700.00 | kg | 6700 | 68.000 | 6800.00 | kg | 6800 |
| 69.000 | 6900.00 | kg | 6900 | 70.000 | 7000.00 | kg | 7000 |
| 71.000 | 7100.00 | kg | 7100 | 72.000 | 7200.00 | kg | 7200 |
| 73.000 | 7300.00 | kg | 7300 | 74.000 | 7400.00 | kg | 7400 |
| 75.000 | 7500.00 | kg | 7500 | 76.000 | 7600.00 | kg | 7600 |
| 77.000 | 7700.00 | kg | 7700 | 78.000 | 7800.00 | kg | 7800 |
| 79.000 | 7900.00 | kg | 7900 | 80.000 | 8000.00 | kg | 8000 |
| 81.000 | 8100.00 | kg | 8100 | 82.000 | 8200.00 | kg | 8200 |
| 83.000 | 8300.00 | kg | 8300 | 84.000 | 8400.00 | kg | 8400 |
| 85.000 | 8500.00 | kg | 8500 | 86.000 | 8600.00 | kg | 8600 |
| 87.000 | 8700.00 | kg | 8700 | 88.000 | 8800.00 | kg | 8800 |
| 89.000 | 8900.00 | kg | 8900 | 90.000 | 9000.00 | kg | 9000 |
| 91.000 | 9100.00 | kg | 9100 | 92.000 | 9200.00 | kg | 9200 |
| 93.000 | 9300.00 | kg | 9300 | 94.000 | 9400.00 | kg | 9400 |
| 95.000 | 9500.00 | kg | 9500 | 96.000 | 9600.00 | kg | 9600 |
| 97.000 | 9700.00 | kg | 9700 | 98.000 | 9800.00 | kg | 9800 |
| 99.000 | 9900.00 | kg | 9900 | 100.000 | 10000.00 | kg | 10000 |

| Section 3 | | | | Section 4 | | | |
|-----------|---------|------|----------|-----------|----------|------|----------|
| Item | Value | Unit | Quantity | Item | Value | Unit | Quantity |
| 1.000 | 100.00 | kg | 100 | 2.000 | 200.00 | kg | 200 |
| 3.000 | 300.00 | kg | 300 | 4.000 | 400.00 | kg | 400 |
| 5.000 | 500.00 | kg | 500 | 6.000 | 600.00 | kg | 600 |
| 7.000 | 700.00 | kg | 700 | 8.000 | 800.00 | kg | 800 |
| 9.000 | 900.00 | kg | 900 | 10.000 | 1000.00 | kg | 1000 |
| 11.000 | 1100.00 | kg | 1100 | 12.000 | 1200.00 | kg | 1200 |
| 13.000 | 1300.00 | kg | 1300 | 14.000 | 1400.00 | kg | 1400 |
| 15.000 | 1500.00 | kg | 1500 | 16.000 | 1600.00 | kg | 1600 |
| 17.000 | 1700.00 | kg | 1700 | 18.000 | 1800.00 | kg | 1800 |
| 19.000 | 1900.00 | kg | 1900 | 20.000 | 2000.00 | kg | 2000 |
| 21.000 | 2100.00 | kg | 2100 | 22.000 | 2200.00 | kg | 2200 |
| 23.000 | 2300.00 | kg | 2300 | 24.000 | 2400.00 | kg | 2400 |
| 25.000 | 2500.00 | kg | 2500 | 26.000 | 2600.00 | kg | 2600 |
| 27.000 | 2700.00 | kg | 2700 | 28.000 | 2800.00 | kg | 2800 |
| 29.000 | 2900.00 | kg | 2900 | 30.000 | 3000.00 | kg | 3000 |
| 31.000 | 3100.00 | kg | 3100 | 32.000 | 3200.00 | kg | 3200 |
| 33.000 | 3300.00 | kg | 3300 | 34.000 | 3400.00 | kg | 3400 |
| 35.000 | 3500.00 | kg | 3500 | 36.000 | 3600.00 | kg | 3600 |
| 37.000 | 3700.00 | kg | 3700 | 38.000 | 3800.00 | kg | 3800 |
| 39.000 | 3900.00 | kg | 3900 | 40.000 | 4000.00 | kg | 4000 |
| 41.000 | 4100.00 | kg | 4100 | 42.000 | 4200.00 | kg | 4200 |
| 43.000 | 4300.00 | kg | 4300 | 44.000 | 4400.00 | kg | 4400 |
| 45.000 | 4500.00 | kg | 4500 | 46.000 | 4600.00 | kg | 4600 |
| 47.000 | 4700.00 | kg | 4700 | 48.000 | 4800.00 | kg | 4800 |
| 49.000 | 4900.00 | kg | 4900 | 50.000 | 5000.00 | kg | 5000 |
| 51.000 | 5100.00 | kg | 5100 | 52.000 | 5200.00 | kg | 5200 |
| 53.000 | 5300.00 | kg | 5300 | 54.000 | 5400.00 | kg | 5400 |
| 55.000 | 5500.00 | kg | 5500 | 56.000 | 5600.00 | kg | 5600 |
| 57.000 | 5700.00 | kg | 5700 | 58.000 | 5800.00 | kg | 5800 |
| 59.000 | 5900.00 | kg | 5900 | 60.000 | 6000.00 | kg | 6000 |
| 61.000 | 6100.00 | kg | 6100 | 62.000 | 6200.00 | kg | 6200 |
| 63.000 | 6300.00 | kg | 6300 | 64.000 | 6400.00 | kg | 6400 |
| 65.000 | 6500.00 | kg | 6500 | 66.000 | 6600.00 | kg | 6600 |
| 67.000 | 6700.00 | kg | 6700 | 68.000 | 6800.00 | kg | 6800 |
| 69.000 | 6900.00 | kg | 6900 | 70.000 | 7000.00 | kg | 7000 |
| 71.000 | 7100.00 | kg | 7100 | 72.000 | 7200.00 | kg | 7200 |
| 73.000 | 7300.00 | kg | 7300 | 74.000 | 7400.00 | kg | 7400 |
| 75.000 | 7500.00 | kg | 7500 | 76.000 | 7600.00 | kg | 7600 |
| 77.000 | 7700.00 | kg | 7700 | 78.000 | 7800.00 | kg | 7800 |
| 79.000 | 7900.00 | kg | 7900 | 80.000 | 8000.00 | kg | 8000 |
| 81.000 | 8100.00 | kg | 8100 | 82.000 | 8200.00 | kg | 8200 |
| 83.000 | 8300.00 | kg | 8300 | 84.000 | 8400.00 | kg | 8400 |
| 85.000 | 8500.00 | kg | 8500 | 86.000 | 8600.00 | kg | 8600 |
| 87.000 | 8700.00 | kg | 8700 | 88.000 | 8800.00 | kg | 8800 |
| 89.000 | 8900.00 | kg | 8900 | 90.000 | 9000.00 | kg | 9000 |
| 91.000 | 9100.00 | kg | 9100 | 92.000 | 9200.00 | kg | 9200 |
| 93.000 | 9300.00 | kg | 9300 | 94.000 | 9400.00 | kg | 9400 |
| 95.000 | 9500.00 | kg | 9500 | 96.000 | 9600.00 | kg | 9600 |
| 97.000 | 9700.00 | kg | 9700 | 98.000 | 9800.00 | kg | 9800 |
| 99.000 | 9900.00 | kg | 9900 | 100.000 | 10000.00 | kg | 10000 |

Total Value: 100,000.00 kg
 Total Quantity: 100,000.00 kg
 Average Price: 1.0000 kg

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES).

| Period | Metropolitan Area | | | | Entire State | | | |
|-----------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|-----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| | Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars) | Wagons, Vans, Utilities | Buses | Motor Cycles | Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars) | Wagons, Vans, Utilities | Buses | Motor Cycles |
| | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| Year 1947 | 1,224 | 519 | 40 | 593 | 2,066 | 1,685 | 54 | 883 |
| Year 1948 | 2,083 | 726 | 63 | 824 | 4,036 | 2,483 | 114 | 1,376 |
| Year 1949 | 3,250 | 1,141 | 79 | 1,160 | 6,592 | 3,722 | 156 | 2,120 |
| 1950 - | | | | | | | | |
| January | 312 | 58 | - | 105 | 696 | 218 | 7 | 214 |
| February | 394 | 122 | 2 | 109 | 814 | 394 | 6 | 199 |
| March | 390 | 173 | 1 | 112 | 827 | 510 | 9 | 242 |
| April | 422 | 114 | 7 | 94 | 817 | 381 | 12 | 215 |
| May | 477 | 149 | 8 | 104 | 933 | 430 | 15 | 190 |
| June | 333 | 142 | 14 | 72 | 591 | 271 | 17 | 116 |
| July | 354 | 137 | 6 | 72 | 868 | 525 | 15 | 183 |
| August | 372 | 191 | 8 | 80 | 681 | 498 | 14 | 173 |
| September | 416 | 172 | 7 | 85 | 794 | 489 | 14 | 189 |
| October | 457 | 207 | 5 | 100 | 828 | 599 | 8 | 185 |
| November | 403 | 236 | 15 | 131 | 786 | 679 | 17 | 238 |

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)*

| Date (As at end of Month) | Metropolitan Area | | | | Entire State | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|-----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| | Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars) | Wagons, Vans, Utilities | Buses | Motor Cycles | Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars) | Wagons, Vans, Utilities | Buses | Motor Cycles |
| | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| 1948 - | | | | | | | | |
| June | 21,968 | 10,132 | 275 | 5,445 | 35,485 | 34,362 | 457 | 8,874 |
| December | 23,389 | 11,081 | 335 | 6,063 | 37,820 | 36,453 | 572 | 9,622 |
| 1949 - | | | | | | | | |
| June | 24,259 | 11,330 | 364 | 6,729 | 39,989 | 37,680 | 648 | 10,972 |
| December | 26,245 | 11,989 | 402 | 7,286 | 43,981 | 40,412 | 781 | 11,740 |
| 1950 - | | | | | | | | |
| June | 28,529 | 12,530 | 443 | 7,707 | 48,485 | 41,688 | 826 | 12,890 |
| July | 29,461 | 12,631 | 445 | 7,848 | 48,458 | 39,489 | 839 | 11,921 |
| August | 29,799 | 12,811 | 453 | 7,910 | 49,105 | 39,976 | 853 | 12,076 |
| September | 30,157 | 12,938 | 457 | 7,976 | 49,841 | 40,420 | 864 | 12,246 |
| October | 30,564 | 13,215 | 460 | 8,086 | 50,469 | 40,927 | 858 | 12,529 |
| November | 30,898 | 13,411 | 478 | 8,149 | 51,467 | 42,183 | 884 | 12,844 |

* Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles, which comprised for November, 1950, 146 Cars; 733 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 10 Buses and 7 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (Interstate and Oversea).

Trade of Western Australia, November, 1950 and 1949 and 5 months ending November, 1950 and 1949, expressed in terms of Australian Currency :-

| | IMPORTS | | | | EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores) | | | |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| | NOVEMBER | | 5 Months ended NOVEMBER | | NOVEMBER | | 5 Months ended NOVEMBER | |
| | 1950 | 1949 | 1950 | 1949 | 1950 | 1949 | 1950 | 1949 |
| Oversea | £A,000 2,285 | £A,000 2,858 | £A,000 15,509 | £A,000 11,406 | £A,000 9,174 | £A,000 5,045 | £A,000 32,473 | £A,000 20,655 |
| Interstate | 3,794 | 3,552 | 19,523 | 14,484 | 751 | 381 | 3,191 | 2,437 |
| TOTAL | 6,079 | 6,410 | 35,032 | 25,890 | 9,925 | 5,426 | 35,664 | 33,092 |

BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note : These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

| Period | Dwellings | | | | Factories | | Other | | Total | |
|-----------|-------------|-------|-------------------------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Owner-Built | | By Contractors etc. (a) | | | | | | | |
| | No. | Value | No. | Value | No. | Value | No. | Value | No. | Value |
| | | £,000 | | £,000 | | £,000 | | £,000 | | £,000 |
| Year 1946 | 55 | 32 | 1,316 | 1,221 | 52 | 82 | 145 | 192 | 1,568 | 1,527 |
| Year 1947 | 165 | 109 | 2,245 | 2,380 | 37 | 64 | 164 | 327 | 2,611 | 2,880 |
| Year 1948 | 514 | 346 | 2,544 | 3,041 | 49 | 160 | 268 | 431 | 3,375 | 3,978 |
| Year 1949 | 825 | 693 | 2,485 | 3,476 | 57 | 215 | 317 | 657 | 3,684 | 5,041 |
| 1950 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar. Qr. | 200 | 179 | 557 | 764 | 10 | 58 | 66 | 124 | 833 | 1,125 |
| June Qr. | 281 | 267 | 787 | 1,088 | 8 | 46 | 92 | 106 | 1,168 | 1,507 |
| Sep. Qr. | 317 | 342 | 924 | 1,301 | 9 | 61 | 122 | 187 | 1,372 | 1,891 |

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials, excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

| Period | Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|---|----------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------|----------------|
| | Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc. | | Wood or Mainly Wood | | Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement | | Other Material | | Total | |
| | No. | Value £,000 | No. | Value £,000 | No. | Value £,000 | No. | Value £,000 | No. | Value £,000 |
| Year 1946 | 578 | 640 | 186 | 140 | 373 | 296 | 227 | 172 | 1,364 | 1,248 |
| Year 1947 | 1,114 | 1,365 | 257 | 196 | 966 | 862 | 62 | 47 | 2,399 | 2,470 |
| Year 1948 | 1,252 | 1,715 | 326 | 249 | 1,436 | 1,348 | 29 | 22 | 3,043 | 3,334 |
| Year 1949 | 1,449 | 2,235 | 228 | 191 | 1,571 | 1,649 | 42 | 43 | 3,290 | 4,118 |
| 1950 - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mar. Qr. | 294 | 465 | 51 | 43 | 375 | 402 | 7 | 6 | 727 | 916 |
| June Qr. | 408 | 659 | 86 | 76 | 499 | 547 | 13 | 12 | 1,006 | 1,294 |
| Sept. Qr. | 431 | 751 | 84 | 77 | 623 | 721 | 11 | 10 | 1,149 | 1,553 |

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

2,227,802 lbs. were produced during November, 1950 and 9,817,119 lbs. for the five months ended November, 1950, as against 2,285,362 and 10,124,200 lbs. respectively, for the corresponding periods for 1949.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

| | DECEMBER | | 12 Months ended DECEMBER | |
|--------------------------|----------|---------|--------------------------|-----------|
| | 1950 | 1949 | 1950 | 1949 |
| Quantity ... Fine Ozs. | 46,814 | 50,297 | 610,333 | 648,426 |
| Value (Aust. Currency) £ | 725,230 | 779,824 | 9,466,270 | 7,962,808 |

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the twelve months ended December, 1950, amounted to £1,196,088. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1949 amounted to £843,782.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series : Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

| Town | Food and Groceries | | | | All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series) | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|------|--------------------------|------|---|------|--------------------------|------|
| | DECEMBER | | 12 Months ended DECEMBER | | DECEMBER QUARTER | | 12 Months ended DECEMBER | |
| | 1950 | 1949 | 1950 | 1949 | 1950 | 1949 | 1950 | 1949 |
| Metropolitan Area | 1699 | 1496 | 1597 | 1436 | 1607 | 1459 | 1538 | 1410 |
| Kalgoorlie-Boulder | 1841 | 1624 | 1728 | 1572 | 1706 | 1544 | 1636 | 1502 |
| Northam | 1729 | 1507 | 1613 | 1455 | 1614 | 1467 | 1550 | 1420 |
| Burbury | 1718 | 1497 | 1610 | 1443 | 1633 | 1472 | 1559 | 1424 |
| Geraldton | 1756 | 1535 | 1636 | 1571 | 1686 | 1521 | 1611 | 1475 |
| Collie | 1727 | 1506 | 1611 | 1455 | 1548 | 1395 | 1477 | 1353 |

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic).

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

| Month | 1949 | | | 1950 | | |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Males | Females | Persons | Males | Females | Persons |
| January | 111,653 | 36,839 | 148,492 | 117,756 | 38,819 | 156,575 |
| February | 110,931 | 37,417 | 148,348 | 118,064 | 39,050 | 157,114 |
| March | 112,063 | 37,770 | 149,833 | 119,009 | 39,708 | 158,717 |
| April | 112,671 | 37,887 | 150,558 | 119,440 | 39,726 | 159,166 |
| May | 112,777 | 37,782 | 150,559 | 120,616 | 39,755 | 160,371 |
| June | 113,010 | 37,928 | 150,938 | 120,479 | 39,952 | 160,431 |
| July | 111,190 | 37,991 | 149,181 | 120,412 | 39,753 | 160,165 |
| August | 113,003 | 38,098 | 151,101 | 121,263 | 40,015 | 161,278 |
| September | 113,933 | 38,358 | 152,291 | 121,691 | 40,367 | 162,058 |
| October | 114,603 | 38,649 | 153,252 | 121,871 | 40,343 | 162,214 |
| November | 116,102 | 39,143 | 155,245 | 122,889 | 40,583 | 163,472 |
| December | 117,493 | 39,684 | 157,177 | | | |

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

| Month | FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100)) | | | | | RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000)) | | | | |
|-----------|---|------|------|---------|---------|---|------|------|------|------|
| | 1946 | 1947 | 1948 | 1949(a) | 1950(a) | 1946 | 1947 | 1948 | 1949 | 1950 |
| January | 145 | 162 | 171 | 179 | 199 | 995 | 1134 | 1233 | 1354 | 1410 |
| February | 148 | 164 | 172 | 182 | 196 | 1016 | 1138 | 1249 | 1358 | 1387 |
| March | 151 | 166 | 176 | 186 | 198 | 1045 | 1145 | 1264 | 1371 | 1415 |
| April | 153 | 167 | 176 | 187 | 199 | 1051 | 1144 | 1264 | 1377 | 1415 |
| May | 154 | 168 | 177 | 187 | 201 | 1069 | 1151 | 1277 | 1354 | 1418 |
| June | 154 | 167 | 177 | 187 | 201 | 1087 | 1153 | 1277 | 1362 | 1429 |
| July | 157 | 167 | 177 | 182 | 200 | 1096 | 1168 | 1301 | 1381 | 1423 |
| August | 159 | 167 | 179 | 187 | 201 | 1109 | 1181 | 1294 | 1377 | 1419 |
| September | 160 | 168 | 180 | 191 | 202 | 1114 | 1172 | 1302 | 1365 | 1428 |
| October | 161 | 168 | 180 | 191 | 203 | 1118 | 1184 | 1318 | 1375 | 1431 |
| November | 158 | 169 | 182 | 192 | 203 | 1133 | 1215 | 1349 | 1402 | 1450 |
| December | 163 | 170 | 182 | 193 | | 1165 | 1267 | 1385 | 1470 | |

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1949 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

(Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician).

| | Admittances | | | Discharges | | | On Benefit end of Month | | |
|-----------|-------------|---------|---------|------------|---------|---------|-------------------------|---------|---------|
| | Males | Females | Persons | Males | Females | Persons | Males | Females | Persons |
| 1949 - | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 112 | 6 | 118 | 98 | 3 | 101 | 116 | 5 | 121 |
| February | 72 | 3 | 75 | 78 | 5 | 83 | 110 | 3 | 113 |
| March | 50 | - | 50 | 62 | 2 | 64 | 98 | 1 | 99 |
| April | 57 | 5 | 62 | 72 | 2 | 74 | 83 | 4 | 87 |
| May | 37 | 3 | 40 | 33 | 3 | 36 | 87 | 4 | 91 |
| June | 57 | 7 | 64 | 44 | 4 | 48 | 100 | 7 | 107 |
| July | 4,645 | 665 | 5,310 | 4,371 | 643 | 5,014 | 374 | 29 | 403 |
| August | 104 | 9 | 113 | 195 | 19 | 214 | 283 | 19 | 302 |
| September | 67 | 2 | 69 | 102 | 7 | 109 | 248 | 14 | 262 |
| October | 67 | 12 | 79 | 82 | 7 | 89 | 233 | 19 | 252 |
| November | 34 | 7 | 41 | 43 | 4 | 47 | 224 | 22 | 246 |
| December | 38 | 3 | 41 | 25 | 2 | 27 | 237 | 23 | 260 |
| 1950 - | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 69 | 3 | 72 | 146 | 8 | 154 | 160 | 18 | 178 |
| February | 46 | 7 | 53 | 56 | 5 | 61 | 150 | 20 | 170 |
| March | 36 | 5 | 41 | 49 | 5 | 54 | 137 | 20 | 157 |
| April | 45 | 10 | 55 | 86 | 10 | 96 | 96 | 20 | 116 |
| May | 52 | 10 | 62 | 53 | 8 | 61 | 95 | 22 | 117 |
| June | 105 | 19 | 124 | 114 | 19 | 133 | 86 | 22 | 108 |
| July | 93 | 22 | 115 | 77 | 15 | 92 | 102 | 29 | 131 |
| August | 72 | 10 | 82 | 65 | 17 | 82 | 109 | 22 | 131 |

STATE BASIC WAGE.

| Date of Operation | Metropolitan Area | | South-West Land Division | | Goldfields and rest of State | |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|----------|
| | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| 29th January, 1951 | 8. 12. 11. | 4. 17. 9. | 8. 12. 11. | 4. 17. 9. | 9. 0. 5. | 5. 1. 9. |

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station).

| | DECEMBER | | 6 Months ended DECEMBER | |
|-------------------------------|----------|--------|-------------------------|---------|
| | 1950 | 1949 | 1950 | 1949 |
| Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.) | 22,613 | 20,343 | 132,266 | 109,719 |
| Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.) | 20,730 | 18,681 | 121,218 | 100,217 |

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

| Period | Cattle | Calves | Sheep | Pigs |
|--------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|---------|
| December, 1950 | 5,926 | 519 | 117,725 | 10,870 |
| December, 1949 | 6,417 | 527 | 107,196 | 9,927 |
| 12 Months ended December, 1950 | 109,913 | 5,210 | 866,874 | 98,919 |
| 12 Months ended December, 1949 | 105,699 | 5,308 | 922,449 | 109,204 |

